

The Sayreville War Memorial High School Guidance Department

Welcome Class of 2028!

We are excited for your transition to high school!



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Mandatory Freshman Elective

The Freshman Foundation course will be prescheduled for you. YOU WILL NOT ADD THIS COURSE AS ONE OF YOUR ELECTIVE CHOICES!

FRESHMAN FOUNDATION: SUCCESS AT SWMHS AND BEYOND

2.5 CREDITS

One Semester

This course is required for all students in grade 9

Freshman Foundations is a project-based course with an overview of school applications, transitioning to high school, and life skills. Students will develop skills in computer programs such as the SWMHS Student Information System by using Google, Microsoft applications, and On Course Connect. They will also receive instruction on the rules and proper procedures of Internet safety/Digital Citizenship. Added focus will be on improving students' everyday soft and study skills. The course will also include presentations and lessons by the counseling staff, the SAC counselor, and high school administrators to assist them with the transition from middle school to high school.

*** * * * The only exemption is for students taking NJROTC – a full year elective * * * ***

Grade 9 Electives

Course	Department	Type
Freshman Foundations: Success at SWMHS and Beyond! (Mandatory for all ninth-grade students.)		Semester
Air Force JROTC		Full Year
Auto Technology 1	Technology	Semester
Band	Music	Semester
Introduction to Business	Business	Semester
Career Development	Business	Semester
Children's Literature	Language Arts	Semester
Choir 101	Music	Semester
Public Speaking and Effective Modern Communication	Language Arts	Semester
Communication/TV 1	Language Arts	Semester (S1)
Communication/TV 2	Language Arts	Semester (S2)
Introduction to 3D Art & Design	Art	Semester
Creative Writing	Language Arts	Semester
Introduction to Digital Art	Art	Semester
Fashion Illustration	Art	Semester (S2)
Film Studies	Language Arts	Semester
Financial Literacy in the 21st Century (Economics)	Social Studies	Semester
Introduction to Art	Art	Semester
Journalism	Language Arts	Semester
Microsoft Office Suite	Business	Semester
Monsters in Literature	Language Arts	Semester
Mythology	Language Arts	Semester
The History of New Jersey	Social Studies	Semester
Theatre 1	Performing Arts	Semester
Wood 1	Technology	Semester
World Geography	Social Studies	Semester

THESE ARE THE ELECTIVES
 AVAILABLE FOR GRADE 9

Required Classes for Graduation

English – 4 years

Math – 3 years

Science – 3 years

Social Studies – World History, US 1, US 2

World Language – 1 year (2 min. if applying to 4-year college)

Practical Art – 1 year (includes Business, Computer Science, Technology, Family/Consumer Sciences)

Fine/Visual/Performing Art – 1 year

Financial Literacy – Semester

Physical Education/Health – 4 years

****Each elective in the Course Description Book lists if the class is a practical or performing art****

Credit Requirements

120 credits are required to graduate!

You may earn 35 credits each year of high school, or 140 credits by the end of your senior year.

Each student must earn a minimum of 120 credits to earn a high school diploma. Credits are awarded upon the successful completion of each course. A student's grade level is determined by the number of credits that he/she has earned. Courses currently in progress do not count toward this total until they are completed. Below are the earned credit requirements for each grade level.

- To be considered a “sophomore”, a student must accumulate a minimum of 25 credits.
- To be considered a “junior”, a student must accumulate a minimum of 50 credits.
- To be considered a “senior”, a student must accumulate a minimum of 85 credits. Seniors who have not earned 95 credits must select a full-day schedule.
- To be a senior and qualify for early dismissal, students must accumulate a total of 95 credits by the end of junior year AND pass both the ELA and Math sections of the NJGPA.

NOTE: The credits specified must be accumulated before the first day of school.

Work hard and pass all your classes to be able to graduate on time!

Credit Recovery / Summer School

Sayreville War Memorial High School DOES NOT offer summer school classes.

Students who need to make up courses to be able to graduate on-time are given the opportunity to take online courses through a company called Educere. Courses are completed independently (at home) during the summer. There are only typically eight weeks to complete a full year course.

Students and their families are responsible for the cost which ranges from \$200 for a half-year course and \$400 for a full-year course.

Graduation Test – NJGPA

To obtain a high school diploma, all students in the state of NJ are required to pass the **NJGPA**. There are two sections: ELA and math. You need to pass with a **725** score or higher on both sections.

After taking the test one time (in your junior year) if you do not have both passing scores, you can then take an alternate test. These include: PSAT, SAT, ACT, and Accuplacer. If you still need one of the two tests, in the spring of your senior year, you can complete a portfolio of your assessments to be approved by the state of NJ.

Attendance – *driven by State of New Jersey*

- Students must be present minimum 90% of school year.
- 9 absences allowed for semester class
- 18 absences allowed for full-year class
- Students who exceed 9 or 18 absences will be scheduled for an attendance appeal with the possibility that you are dropped from the course and lose the credits.

Lateness to class:

- More than 22 minutes late to 1st period is considered an absence
- Five (5) unexcused lates in any specific class will equate to one class cut and consequenced at the appropriate cut level.
- 10 unexcused lates in any specific class will equate to two class cuts and consequenced at the appropriate cut level.
- 15 unexcused lates will equate to three class cuts and consequenced at the appropriate cut level
- If the 15 unexcused lates are for a particular semester course, the student will lose credit – earn zero (0) for the course and be withdrawn from the course and assigned to a study hall for the remainder of the semester.
- 20 unexcused lates – will equate to four class cuts. The student will be withdrawn from the full-year course, earning a zero (0). Student will be assigned to a study hall for the remainder of the semester.

Please see Student Handbook on school website for further details about consequences.

OnCourse Online Course Requests

This guide will walk you through the online course request feature of OnCourse Connect for you to choose your 2024-2025 electives.

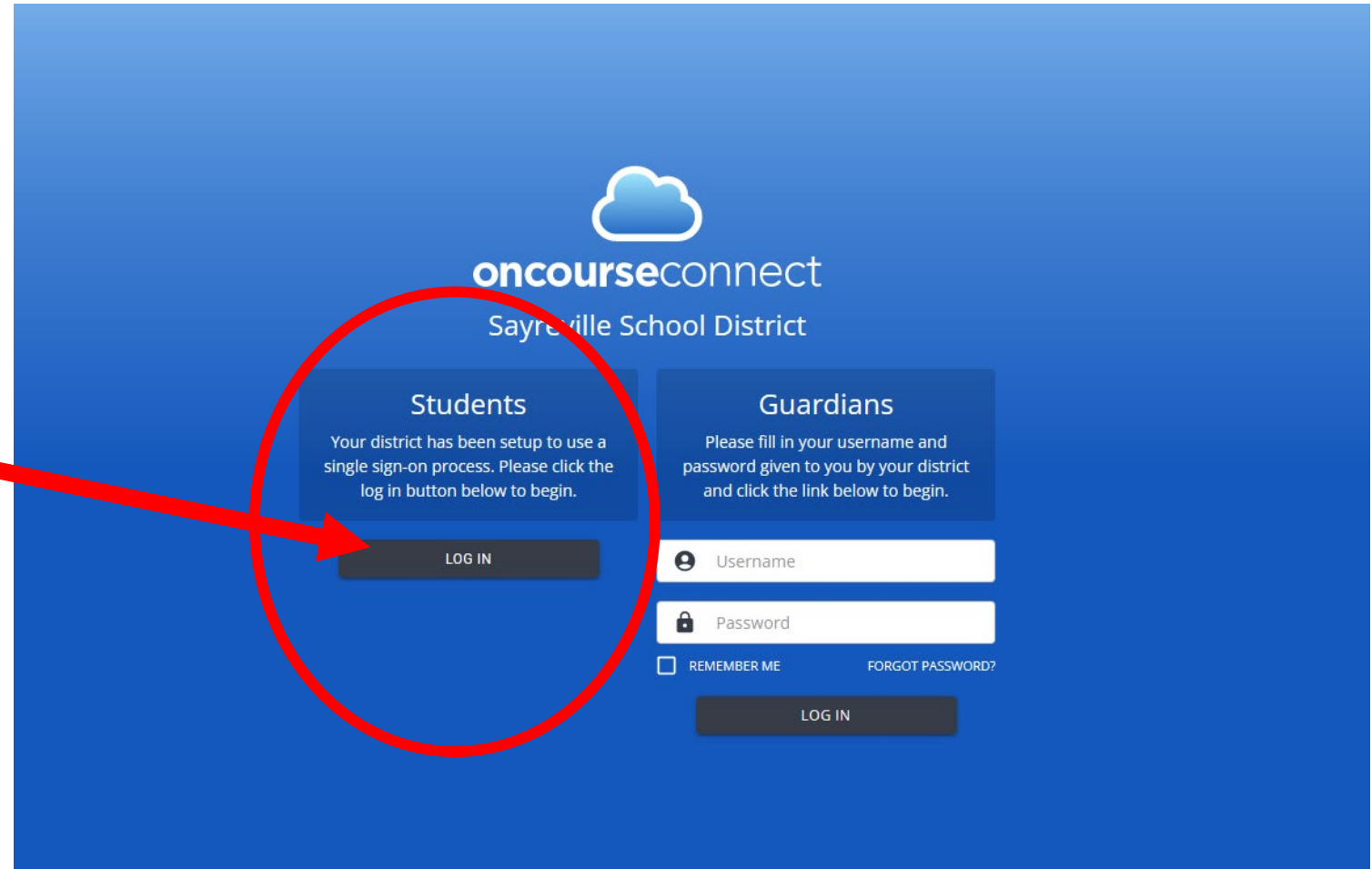
The window for adding electives ***begins today*** and closed on 2/23.

You will only be able to add elective choices when you sign in to the **STUDENT PORTAL**. The **green** access button is not available in the **PARENT ACCOUNT**.

1. www.sayrevillek12.net
2. “Students” Tab
3. Student Portal



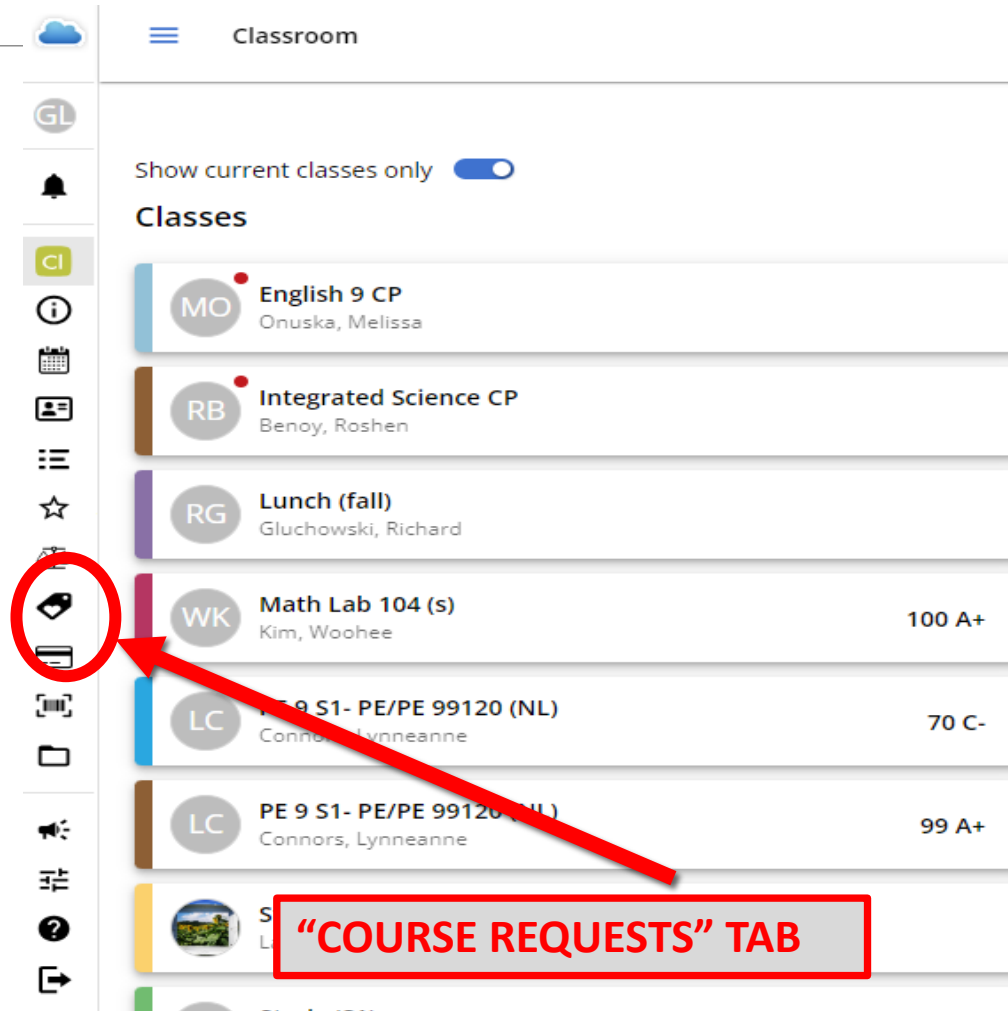
4. You must sign in on the **LEFT** side for “**STUDENTS**”
5. Your sign-in is your school email address and password (Google Login)



How do I Access the Course Request Menu?

Select the Course Requests icon (see image).

This will take you to the main Course Request menu.



CLICK ON "ADD COURSE REQUEST"

+ ADD COURSE REQUEST

THEN THIS SCREEN COMES UP

Add Course Requests

Department: All Search

Course Name	Department	Credits	Action
Adv Arch Design	Technology	5	+ ADD
Advanced Art	Art	5	+ ADD
Advanced Jazz Studies	Music	5	+ ADD
American Sign Language	World Languages	5	+ ADD
American Sign Language 2	World Languages	5	+ ADD

CANCEL

Once you add a course it will be listed here

Course Requests

Total Credits: 2.5 ADD COURSE REQUEST

Details	Action	Course Name	Alternates	Added by	Last modified by	Credits
^	REMOVE	Financial Literacy in the 21st Century (Economics)(s)	0	Lee, George	Lee, George	2.5

Alternates

Alternates	Course Name	Credits
No alternates selected		
ADD ALTERNATE		

Notes

NOW YOU CAN ADD ALTERNATES TO THIS COURSE

Total Credits: 2.5

+ ADD COURSE REQUEST

Course Requests

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^	 REMOVE	Financial Literacy in the 21st Century (Economics)(s)	1	Lee, George	Lee, George	2.5

Alternates

Alternates	Course Name	Credits
 REMOVE	Intro. to Art (s)	2.5



+ ADD ALTERNATE

Notes

YOUR ALTERNATES CAN BE SEEN BELOW YOUR FIRST CHOICE ELECTIVE

YOU MAY NEED TO CLICK ON THE DOWN ARROW TO ADD OR VIEW YOUR ALTERNATES

Total Credits: 2.5

Course Requests			
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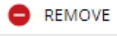
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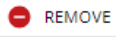
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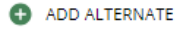
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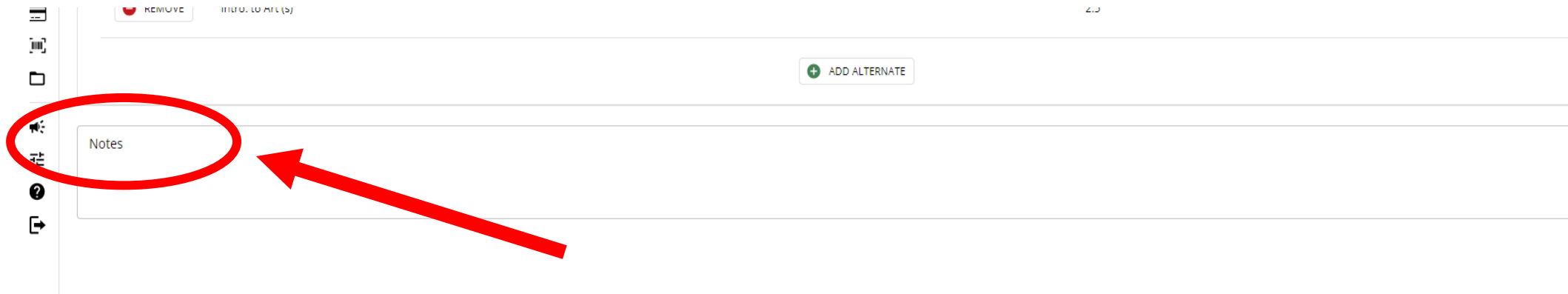
Alternates	Course Name	Credits
 REMOVE	...to Art (s)	2.5

 ADD ALTERNATE

Notes

Adding Notes

You may add notes that can be viewed by your counselor.



The screenshot displays a user interface with a vertical sidebar on the left containing several icons. The main content area features a form with three horizontal sections. The top section contains a 'REMOVE' button with a red heart icon and the text 'INFO. TO ALL(S)'. The middle section contains an 'ADD ALTERNATE' button with a green plus icon. The bottom section is a text input field labeled 'Notes', which is highlighted with a red circle. A red arrow points from the bottom right towards the 'Notes' field. The number '2.3' is visible in the top right corner of the form area.

On the main screen you will see all of your course requests, and your total amount of requested credits as well as the teacher recommendations for your core subjects.

Your high school counselor will discuss these courses and your electives with you during your scheduling meeting.



AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC

Prerequisite: None

This course will apply principles of science learned in other courses such as earth science, biology, chemistry and physics. The major units covered include: the aerospace environment, the human requirements of flight, the principles and physics of aircraft flight, weather and navigation. Students are provided detailed instruction on ceremonial performances and protocol for civilian and military events and have the opportunity to personally learn drill. Most of the work will be hands-on. Students WILL wear the Air Force JROTC uniform weekly on the designated uniform day and the issued PT uniform on Fridays. (Practical Art)

5 CREDITS

Full Year



Do you want to make your high school years more memorable?

Here's your chance to do just that - join the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC). You'll Learn about the Air Force, its heritage and traditions, applied flight sciences, military aerospace policies and space exploration, plus you'll have opportunities to develop your leadership skills.

The objectives of AFJROTC are:

- To educate and train high school cadets in citizenship and Life skills.
- Promote community service;
- Instill responsibility, character and self-discipline through education and instruction in air and space fundamentals and the Air Force's core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In ALL We Do





Dual Enrollment Opportunities

The Dual Enrollment program provides high school students the opportunity to earn both high school and college credit for courses that have been approved by Middlesex College.

Tuition for any 3- or 4-credit course will be \$135 for those attending Middlesex College while still in high school.

•Note: Registration is completed online directly in the Middlesex College site, unless otherwise noted. Registrations submitted after your district's enrollment deadline will be accepted.



Middlesex Course Codes	MC Course Titles	SWMHS Course Codes	SWMHS Course Titles	# Middlesex Credits
ACC 101	Financial Accounting	95461	Financial Accounting Honors	4
ACC 102	Managerial Accounting	95561	Managerial Accounting Honors	4
CSC 125	Web Marketing Languages	93522	Front End Web Design	3
ENG 121	English Composition 1	91441	English 12 Honors	3
MAT 116	College Algebra	93342	Fundamentals of College Algebra	3
MAT 123	Statistics 1	93270	Statistics	3
MAT 129	Pre-calculus	93262	Pre-calculus	4
MAT 131	Analytic Geometry & Calculus 1	93282	Calculus	4
SPA 221	Intermediate Spanish 1	90310	SWMHS Spanish 3	3
SPA 222	Intermediate Spanish 2	90320	SWMHS Spanish 4	3
CSC 161	Comp. Science w/ Java	93511	AP Comp. Science A	4
PHY 101	Principles of Physics		Physics 11	4
CSC 105	Computer Application & Systems	93521 93390	AP Computer Science Principles Computer Science Principles	3
BUS 101	Intro to Business		Business Organization	3

Middlesex College cannot guarantee transfer of any course(s) taken for credit. Please check njtransfer.org or inquire with the receiving institution(s) prior to registration.

For Current 8th Grade Students

FRESHMAN TIP OFF



When: February 1st @6pm
Where: High School Cafeteria
Door 1 or 22

Come see all the clubs, sports and activities SWMHS has to offer.

**Light concessions will be available for purchase, CASH only.
Bomber gear available for purchase!**

After, go to the Bomber basketball game for free!



Freshman Orientation for Parents/Guardians of the current 8th grade students - the Class of 2028

**Thursday, February 1, 2024
7:00 PM High School Auditorium**

This program follows the Freshman Tip-Off. Students are invited to attend the basketball game while their parents/guardians attend the Freshman Orientation Program.

Join the High School Administrators, District Directors, and Curriculum Supervisors, for an informational hour to get acquainted with the Sayreville War Memorial High School's programs, course offerings, scheduling process, and more!



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